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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

In response to Applicant's letter of September 5, 2002, which was made in response to an earlier IDS submitted by applicant and signed by Examiner apparently being lost, and not made of record in the case, Examiner has once again signed off on the IDS in question, which Applicant has been helpful enough to fax in. For the reasons set forth below in the indented paragraph, which is copied from Examiner's previous letter signed July 9, 2002, and mailed July 10, 2002, Examiner has not crossed out entries from previous IDS 1449 forms.

In response to Applicant's letter of June 5, 2002, Examiner has found and considered a copy of the Nikkei Electronics article, and signed the latest IDS submitted by Applicant, initialing the Nikkei Electronics article as having been considered. A copy is included with this letter. (Since Examiner does not read Japanese, the article in question has been considered to, and only to, the best of Examiner's ability based on the diagrams and occasional English words.) Upon respectful consideration of applicant's requests, Examiner has decided not to cross out previous IDS's to assure that, should Applicant's application be allowed, the "References Cited" section of the resulting patent will not contain duplications. It is Examiner's judgment that, given the potential for errors with such a large file, involving multiple amendments, Information Disclosure Statements, and Office Actions with references cited by Examiner, it would be best not to risk having any of the references omitted altogether should a patent issue; duplicate entries of the same prior art documents under "References Cited" would not be as important a problem.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas D. Rosen, whose telephone number is 703-305-0753. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins, can be reached on 703-308-1344. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and for After Final communications. Non-official/draft communications can be faxed to the examiner at 703-746-5574.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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